

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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<p>L. (a) PLAINTIFFS Reginald Mann, pleading on his own behalf and on behalf of all similarly situated consumers,</p> <p>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Philadelphia County, PA</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i></p> <p>(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Zemel Law LLC; 1373 Broad Street, Clifton NJ 07013</p>	<p>DEFENDANTS Tate & Kirlin Associates, Inc.</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>Bucks County, PA</u> <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.</p> <p>Attorneys <i>(If Known)</i></p>
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<p>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION <i>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question <i>(U.S. Government Not a Party)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity <i>(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)</i></p>	<p>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES <i>(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)</i></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="780 614 926 656">Citizen of This State</td> <td data-bbox="935 614 975 656">PTF</td> <td data-bbox="984 614 1024 656">DEF</td> <td data-bbox="1033 614 1383 656">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State</td> <td data-bbox="1392 614 1432 656">PTF</td> <td data-bbox="1441 614 1481 656">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="780 688 926 730">Citizen of Another State</td> <td data-bbox="935 688 975 730"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td data-bbox="984 688 1024 730"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td data-bbox="1033 688 1383 730">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State</td> <td data-bbox="1392 688 1432 730"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td data-bbox="1441 688 1481 730"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="780 762 926 804">Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td data-bbox="935 762 975 804"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td data-bbox="984 762 1024 804"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td data-bbox="1033 762 1383 804">Foreign Nation</td> <td data-bbox="1392 762 1432 804"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td data-bbox="1441 762 1481 804"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	PTF	DEF	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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<p>IV. NATURE OF SUIT <i>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</i></p>						Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions .
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V. ORIGIN <i>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing <i>(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity)</i> : 15 USC 1692 et seq.
Brief description of cause: Illegal debt collection	

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.	DEMANDS	CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	<i>(See instructions):</i>	JUDGE _____	DOCKET NUMBER _____
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DATE	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD	
06/25/2019		

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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 - United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 - United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 - Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 - Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 - Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 - Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 - Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 - Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 - Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
 - Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 - Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 - Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

REGINALD MANN, pleading on his own behalf and on behalf of all other similarly situated consumers,) Case No.:
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
TATE & KIRLIN ASSOCIATES, INC.) COMPLAINT – CLASS ACTION
Defendant.)

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Plaintiff, Reginald Mann (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) alleges:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for damages arising from Defendant’s violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692 *et seq.* (hereinafter “FDCPA”).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).

3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C §1391(b).

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is a “consumer” as the phrase is defined and applied under 15 U.S.C. §1692(a) of the FDCPA.

5. Defendant Tate & Kirlin Associates, Inc. ("Tate") is a corporation doing business in the State of Pennsylvania, with its corporate address at 580 Middletown Boulevard, Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047, and is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined and applied under 15 U.S.C. §1692(a) of the FDCPA in that they regularly attempt to collect on debts primarily incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

FACTUAL STATEMENT

6. Collection letters within the Third Circuit are viewed from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.

7. On a date better known by Defendant, Plaintiff allegedly incurred a personal debt in the amount of \$699.79.

8. Personal debt is considered a "debt" as that term is used and defined under the FDCPA.

9. The underlying debt is beyond the statute of limitations.

10. On August 28, 2018, Defendant sent an initial dunning letter to Plaintiff in an attempt to collect said debt.

11. The letter stated: "The law limits how long you can be sued on a debt. Because of the age of your debt, LVNV FUNDING LLC will not sue you for it, and LVNV FUNDING LLC will not report it to any credit reporting agency."

12. The letter did not disclose the age of the debt, nor that the debt was beyond the statute of limitations.

13. Upon reading this phrase, the least sophisticated consumer assumes that LVNV FUNDING LLC is currently choosing not to sue while in reality, LVNV FUNDING LLC cannot legally sue for the debt.

14. Defendant's letter further leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that the underlying debt is legally enforceable by using the phrase: "We are not obligated to renew this offer."

15. This phrase suggests that a debt is legally enforceable because it suggests that the debt collector will not have to renew its offer when it engages in further collection efforts, such as a lawsuit.

16. In the same letter, Defendant provided Plaintiff with three settlement options. The first was a lump sum 70% off discount. The second, a 60% off discount in 6 monthly payments. The third was for \$25.00 per month payments until the entire alleged debt is paid.

17. These options are false, misleading and deceptive as they are inducing payment on a debt that is not legally enforceable, while concealing that any payment will restart the statute of limitations.

18. As such, Defendant's letter is false, deceptive, and misleading in violation of the FDCPA.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

The Class

19. Plaintiff brings this as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated who have received similar debt collection notices and/or communications from Defendant which, as alleged herein, are in violation of the FDCPA.

20. With respect to the Plaintiff's Class, this claim is brought on behalf of a class of: (a) all persons in the State of Pennsylvania; (b) for whom Defendant sent a collection letter; (c) on a debt that was beyond the statute of limitations; (d) wherein Defendant made an offer on said debt without disclosing the debt is beyond the statute of limitations; (e) which said letters violate the

FDCPA; (f) during a period beginning one year prior to the filing of this initial action and ending 21 days after the service of the initial complaint filed in this action.

21. Excluded from the Class is Defendant herein, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with the defendant, including, without limitation, persons who are officers, directors, employees, associates or partners of Defendant.

Numerosity

22. Upon information and belief, Defendant has sent similar letters to hundreds of consumers throughout the State of Pennsylvania, each of which violates the FDCPA. The members of the Class, therefore, are believed to be so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

23. The letters sent by Defendant, and received by the Class, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical “least sophisticated consumer.”

24. The exact number and identities of the Class members are unknown at this time and can only be ascertained through discovery. Identification of the Class members is a matter capable of ministerial determination from Defendant’s records.

Common Questions of Law and Fact

25. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominates over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation: (i) whether Defendant violated various provisions of the FDCPA; (ii) whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant’s conduct; (iii) whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant’s wrongdoing and, if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and (iv) whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.

Typicality

26. The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. Plaintiff and all members of the Plaintiff's Class defined in this complaint have claims arising out of the Defendant's common uniform course of conduct complained of herein. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiff has no interests adverse or antagonistic to the interests of other members of the Class.

Protecting the Interests of the Class Members

27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the Class members' interests, in that the Plaintiff's counsel is experienced and, further, anticipates no impediments in the pursuit and maintenance of the class action as sought herein.

28. Neither the Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.

Proceeding Via Class Action is Superior and Advisable

29. A class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted, this being specifically envisioned by Congress as a principal means of enforcing the FDCPA, as codified by 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k).

30. The members of the Class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action.

31. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties.

32. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate in that a determination that the said letters violate the FDCPA is tantamount to declaratory relief and any monetary relief under the FDCPA would be merely incidental to that determination.

33. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact common to members of the Plaintiff's Class predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

34. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiff may, at the time of class certification motion, seek to certify one or more classes only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).

35. A class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment also will permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein.

36. Absent a class action, the Class members will continue to suffer losses borne from Defendant's breaches of Class members' statutorily protected rights as well as monetary damages, thus allowing and enabling: (a) Defendant's conduct to proceed and; (b) Defendant to further enjoy the benefit of its ill-gotten gains.

37. Defendant has acted, and will act, on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate a final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

COUNT I
VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq

38. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the above paragraphs and incorporates them as if specifically set forth at length herein.

39. Defendant's collection letter could lead the least sophisticated consumer to believe that the debt is still legally enforceable when, in fact, it is not. Furthermore, the collection letter failed to properly inform consumers that the statute of limitations had run and that partial payment would restart the statute of limitations. Accordingly, Defendant has violated the following provisions of the FDCPA:

40. Section 1692e provides:

§ 1692e. False or misleading representations

A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section: . . .

(2) The false representation of--

(A) the character, amount, or legal status of any debt...

(5) The threat to take any action that is not intended to be taken;

(10) The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer . . .

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Reginald Mann, respectfully requests that this Court do the following for the benefit of Plaintiff:

- a. Enter an Order declaring Defendant's actions, as described above, in violation of the FDCPA;
- b. Enter an Order for Injunctive Relief preventing Defendant from using said collection letters to collect debts from consumer debtors;
- c. Appoint Plaintiff as the Class Representative, and appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as Lead Counsel for the Class;
- d. Enter a judgment against Defendant for statutory damages, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

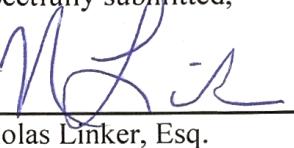
- e. Award costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- f. Grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

- 41. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

19-CV-2865
19-2865

Address of Plaintiff: 6725 Ridge Avenue, Apt. 117, Philadelphia, PA 19128

Address of Defendant: 580 Middletown Boulevard, Langhorne, PA 19047

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: P.O. Box 26004, Philadelphia, PA 19128

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge: _____ Date Terminated: _____

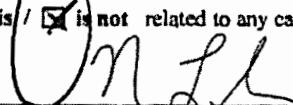
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes No

2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes No

3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? Yes No

4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes No

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.DATE 7/1/19  Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff 321521 Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

CIVIL: (Place a ✓ in one category only)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
 2. FELA
 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury
 4. Antitrust
 5. Patent
 6. Labor-Management Relations
 7. Civil Rights
 8. Habeas Corpus
 9. Securities Act(s) Cases
 10. Social Security Review Cases
 11. All other Federal Question Cases
 (Please specify): Consumer Credit

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
 2. Airplane Personal Injury
 3. Assault, Defamation
 4. Marine Personal Injury
 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify) _____
 7. Products Liability
 8. Products Liability – Asbestos
 9. All other Diversity Cases
 (Please specify): _____

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION
(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.)I, Nicholas Linker, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.

Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE 6/25/19

Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff

JUN 28 2019

321521

Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

NOTE A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Reginald Mann, et al.	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	
v.	:	
Tate & Kirlin Associates, Inc.	:	NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

6/25/2019	Nicholas Linker	Plaintiff, Reginald Mann
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attorney-at-law</u>	<u>Attorney for</u>
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<u>Telephone</u>	<u>FAX Number</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>

Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan
Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS
(See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the
Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.